

currently serves as Vice President of the Long Branch Urban Ministry, member of the Long Branch Housing Advisory Board and is Vice Chairman of the New Jersey Natural Gas—Long Branch Community Advisory Panel. Rev. Cuff is happily married to his wife, Bonita Wilson, for twenty-nine years. Together they have raised two daughters, Erinmarie C. Cuff-Feltcher and Lauren M. Cuff. He is also the proud grandfather of two granddaughters.

Mr. Speaker, once again please join me in congratulating Rev. Cuff for thirty years of outstanding leadership and impressive mentorship is a shining example of what hard work and dedication can accomplish.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to return to Washington, DC last week, and so I was not present for rollcall votes held on September 7th, 8th, and 9th.

Had I been present I would have voted:

“Yea” on Rollcall No. 692, on H. Con. Res. 67, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run.

“No” on Rollcall No. 693, on Ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 392, the Rule providing for consideration of both H.R. 2218 and H.R. 1892, in order to allow Mr. Garamendi of California to offer his amendment to the Rule to give priority to eligible entities that plan to use materials made in America for the construction and renovation of school facilities.

“No” on Rollcall No. 694, on H. Res. 392, the rule providing for consideration of both H.R. 2218—Empowering Parents through Quality Charter Schools Act and H.R. 1892—Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012.

“Yes” on Rollcall No. 695, on the Hunter amendment to H.R. 1892, which would require the Director of National Intelligence and the Secretary of Defense to establish a coordinated strategy to identify and counter network activity and operations in Pakistan and Afghanistan relating to the development and use of improvised explosive devices.

“Yes” on Rollcall No. 696, on the Carney amendment to H.R. 1892, which would express the sense of Congress that railway transportation security has been and must continue to be a priority of the intelligence community in infrastructure threat assessment.

“Yes” on Rollcall No. 697, the motion to recommit H.R. 1892, which would place priority on funding activities that counter the threat posed by transnational drug trafficking and the protection of U.S. borders from drug-related crime, violence and gang-related activity in connection with transnational drug trafficking.

“Yes” on Rollcall No. 698, final passage of H.R. 1892, although I share the concern expressed by a number of my colleagues about the CIA’s role in Libya.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I did not return to Washington in time on Monday September 12, 2011 and missed three votes.

Had I been present I would have voted “yes” on H.R. 2076—Investigative Assistance for Violent Crimes Act (Rollcall No. 699), “yes” on H.R. 2633—Appeal Time Clarification Act (Rollcall No. 700), and “yes” on H.R. 1059—Protect the safety of judges by extending the authority of the Judicial Conference to redact sensitive information contained in their financial disclosure reports (Rollcall No. 701).

COMMENDING THE CITY OF DEARBORN’S “RESPONSE TO BULLYING BEHAVIOR”

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the city-wide response to bullying behavior in Dearborn, Michigan. Today, September 14, 2011, marks the first annual anti-bullying day in Dearborn. I am proud to have a city like this in my district, where they will not sit back and allow bullying behavior to go unnoticed and unpunished.

On this day, Dearborn Public Schools are also celebrating Diversity Day, a day for accepting and respecting everyone for who they are, and treating them all equally; a day to bring our wonderful community together. I ask, what better day is there for acknowledging the fight against bullying? Bullying doesn’t only create rifts between families, students, and schools, but it is also detrimental to our local communities. We must not let individuals or groups be allowed to engage in misbehavior without punishment, rather it is important to send the message that such behavior will not be tolerated in our communities. Community leaders holding a public forum such as this one to raise awareness on the societal costs of bullying is an important first step to combating this problem.

Bullying can take on various forms and affect children and young adults of all backgrounds. With the vast use of online resources by children and young adults, more and more young people are being emotionally and physically victimized on a daily basis. In order to stop bullying we all need to do our part, this includes both students and teachers maintaining a vigilant lookout for this abhorrent behavior. Additionally, it is crucial that the victims of bullying have strong moral support from friends and family alike. Aside from lending emotional support, parents, friends, peers and teachers have a responsibility to report these incidents to their school in order to help prevent further incidents.

I commend the effort being made by the Dearborn community to end bullying. This is the all important first step in a fight to keep our children safe from the ridicule and abuse of bullies. I ask all of my colleagues to rise and join me in recognizing the magnificent

work being done by the entire community of Dearborn, Michigan on the occasion of the first annual anti-bullying day.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT HURT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. HURT. Mr. Speaker, I missed the following vote on rollcall No. 700—a recorded vote on H.R. 2633, to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify the time limits for appeals in civil cases to which United States officers or employees are parties.

Mr. Speaker, I was not present for rollcall vote No. 700 on H.R. 2633. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. PASTOR of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 699, 700 and 701, I missed because of airline delay (4 hr.).

Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on all three.

IN RECOGNITION OF KELLY KRAFT

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a constituent of the 26th District of Texas, Kelly Kraft. Mr. Kraft graduated from Ryan High School in Denton, Texas after lettering for four seasons and serving as captain of their golf team; he is currently a senior at Southern Methodist University where he has just completed his last season as an accomplished member of the Mustangs golf team. One of Mr. Kraft’s most recent achievements includes beating a top ranked opponent from UCLA as the national tournament came down to the wire. In the end, Mr. Kraft persevered and defeated his opponent to win the 111th U.S. Amateur Championship.

This victory was enough to solidify his spot on the U.S. Walker Cup team. The Walker Cup is a biennial golf tournament between teams comprising the leading amateur golfers of the U.S., Great Britain and Ireland. As the U.S. Amateur champion, Mr. Kraft has also qualified for next year’s U.S. Open, Masters, and the British Open.

Mr. Kraft intends on finishing his Bachelors in Sociology this upcoming year at Southern Methodist University. Kelly Kraft excels in athleticism and perseverance, and I am proud to represent him in the U.S. House of Representatives.